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The Phenominator

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Chapter 1 by Tom

Everything I have ever made started with an idea.
That sounds obvious but it is entirely true.

For instance, my very successful Immutium metal (lightweight, super-strong and frightfully lucrative) was simply the result of a wondering walk through a city, pondering possible improvements.
The grubby, low slung hovels going on and on for endless dusty stretches. Tower blocks that cowered. Sky scrapers that barely scuffed the dreadful dirge.

Why can't we build 3 miles high?
Why can't we go 10 miles high?

Once the mills milled the miles and miles of my marvellous Immutium, and the cities shot skywards for ever more... well, it was only a matter of time.

Why can't we elevate to the moon?

Of course, in between the dazzle of an idea and an actual fully operating (and indescribably profitable) Lunavator lies an awful lot of innovation, permutation, mastication, gesticulation and a certain amount of genuflection.

None of which I can be bothered to go into now, although I'm sure someone might at some point: it is a truly remarkable list of significant achievement.

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What about the wheel?

Pah!

What about the pyramids?

Boff!

The internal combustion engine?

The External Non-Combustion engine?

The Gravitator?

The Solar Sponge?

The Transportaltator?

The Economicon?

Nothing. A blip, all of it. Meaningless.

Let me explain the simplicity of the thing that I have made:

Lift the Phenominator to your mouth, whisper into the collection port, crank the handle to activate.

Sit back. It's done.

I can't begin to tell you the things I have done in the three days since I have finished creating the Phenominator. Some of the things I have done you won't understand because you have never heard of it, because it never existed to you!

A test:

Have you ever heard of a thing called 'Money'?

Ever been bitten by a swarm of 'Mosquitoes'?
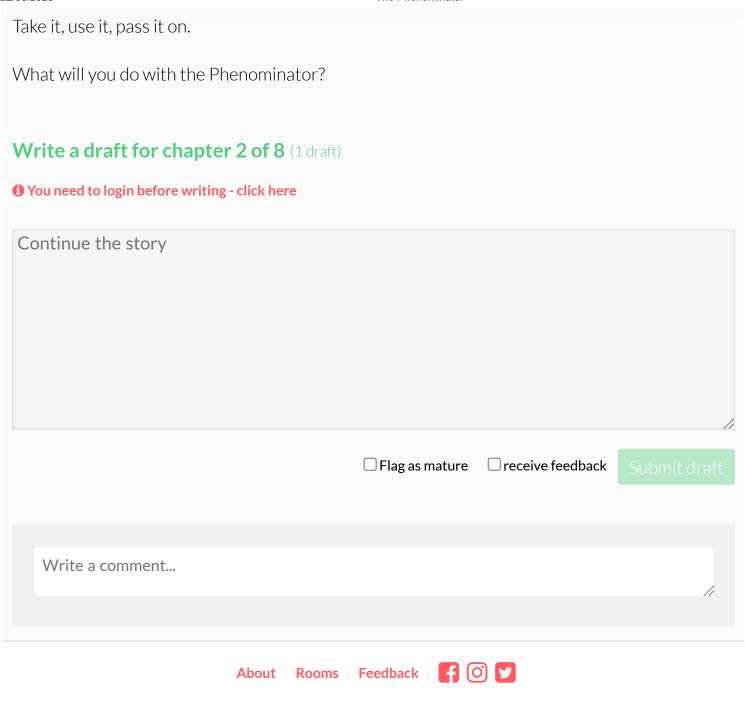
Ever had a 'Cold'?

Of course not!

You probably think I'm just making up funny sounding words.

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